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SUBJ: ISRAELI PRESS ON ALLON'S WASHINGTON VISIT

1. REPORTS AND SPECULATIONS ON ALLON'S TALKS IN WASHINGTON
CONTINUE TO DOMINATE FRONT PAGES.
HAARETZ (MARGALIT IN WASHINGTON) QUOTES SECRETARY KISSINGER
AS EXPRESSING " A MEANINGFUL PERSONAL OPINION" THAT "ANY
POSTPONEMENT OF THE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE
COMPLICATES THE PROBLEM AND MAKES A SOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT".
DR. KISSINGER ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. " HAS NOT
DECIDED YET WHICH NEGOTIATION IT PREFERS AT THE NEXT STAGE,
WHETHER WITH EGYPT, JORDAN OR THE PALESTINIANS..." ON ANOTHER
IMPORTANT SUBJECT DR. KISSINGER IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
" THE SOVIETS WILL BE TOUGHER AT THE NEXT STAGE OF THE
GENEVA CONFERENCE", AND THIS REQUIRED " THROUGH PREPARATORY
WORK." MARGALIT QUOTES RELIABLE SOURCES AS SAYING THAT
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" IN THE ALLON/KISSINGER TALKS THE POSSIBILITY IS MENTIONED

OF POSTPONING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE EVEN UP TO DECEMBER BUT THE AMERICANS WILL NOT EXPRESS PREFERENCE FOR SUCH A POST-PONEMENT BEFORE THEY TALK, IN TEN DAYS TIME, WITH EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI."

2. ON ARMS SUPPLY, MARAGLIT REPORTS THAT "DR. KISSINGER EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR ISRAEL'S HARDWARE NEEDS AND REITERATED...THAT BOTH NIXON AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WILL DO NOTHING TO HARM ISRAEL. ISRAELI SOURCES EMPHASIZED THE PROXIMITY OF POSITIONS REVEALED BETWEEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS."

MARGALIT ENDS BY QUOTING COMMUNIST SOURCES IN WASHINGTON AS SAYING THAT "THE SOVIET UNION HAS RECENTLY MADE IT CLEAR TO THE US THAT IT WILL OPPOSE DIPLOMACY IN THE STYLE WHICH PRECEDED THE ISRAELI/SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT TALKS. HOWEVER THE RUSSIANS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ARABS, PARTICULARLY THE EGYPTIANS, PREFER NEGOTIATIONS UNDER US AUSPICES TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE."

3. HAARETZ (GOLAN) WRITES THAT " WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA WOULD TO BE POSTPONED FOR LATER STAGES BECAUSE OF THE EXTREME POSITION OF DAMASCUS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS...THE MEANING OF THIS CONCLUSION IS THAT ISRAEL WILL CONDUCT CONCURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT AND JORDAN SINCE THE TWO ARAB STATES ARE INTERESTED IN SPEEDING UP POLITICAL MOVES IN THE AREA...SENIOR OBSERVERS IN JERUSALEM EVALUATE THAT AN AGREEMENT BASED ON THIS SPIRIT WAS REACHED DURING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO CAIRO A FEW WEEKS AGO." REGARDING FRAMEWORK OF TALKS " THE EVALUATION IS NOT CHANGED THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL SERVE AS A FRAMEWORK AND THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE TALKS BETWEEN THE SIDES WILL BE HELD..THROUGH A MEDIATOR AND ACCORDING TO THE SEPARATION OF FORCES MODEL."

4. DAVAR (BARNEA IN WASHINGTON) WRITES THAT PROBLEM OF MISSING IDF SOLDIERS ON EGYPTIAN FRONT WAS RAISED IN TALKS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND ALLON, AND " KISSINGER PROMISED TO APPROACH THE EGYPTIANS AGAIN ON THIS ISSUE."

5. DAVAR (ESHED) QUOTES RELIABLE SOURCES IN JERUSALEM AS UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYING EYAT " ALLON'S VISIT IN WASHINGTON IS INTENDED TO CLARIFY AND NOT TO DETERMINE STEPS OR FACTS...SOURCES SAID THAT THE TIME FOR SUMMING UP WILL COME ONLY WHEN PM RABIN VISITS WASHINGTON AT A DATE WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED, ALTHOUGH IN PRINCIPLE IT WAS CONCLUDED DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO ISRAEL THAT RABIN'S VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE AUTUMN."

6. MAARIV (SEGEV IN WASHINGTON) WRITES UNDER HEADLINE " THERE WILL BE NO CONCURRENT TALKS WITH JORDAN AND EGYPT" THAT FOLLOWING ALLON'S TALKS WITH KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER, SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS CAN BE DRAWN: " ISRAEL WILL NOT CONDUCT TALKS WITH JORDAN AND EGYPT SIMULTANEOUSLY; THE TIMING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT OR JORDAN WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER ARRIVAL OF RAB FOREIGN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON...; GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL SERVE ONLY AS A GENERAL FRAMEWORK AND WILL NOT PREVENT BILATERAL TALKS THROUGH U.S..." SEGEV ALSO QUOTES RELIABLE SOURCES IN WASHINGTON WHO THINK THAT " EGYPT AND SYRIA WERE NOT CAPABLE OF TRAINING A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF TECHNICAL CREWS TO BEGIN A NEW WAR NOW...THIS ASSUMPTION, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE ARABS HAVE NO IMMEDIATE INTENTIONS OF ATTACKING--NEITHER ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT NOR ON THE SYRIAN-JORDANIAN FRONT--IS HELD BY BOTH DEFENSE AND STATE DEPARTMENTS."

7. YEDIOT (KIVITI IN WASHINGTON) WRITES THAT " IN THE TWO MEETINGS WHICH ALLON HELD WITH KISSINGER THE AMERICAN WERE CONVINCED THAT AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM JORDAN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEPARATION AGREEMENT, AS PROPOSED BY HUSSEIN IS OUT OF THE QUESTION...NO TIME TABLE WAS DISCUSSED, AND THE AMERICANS DO NOT INTEND TO PROPOSE CONCURRENT TALKS WITH EGYPT AND JORDAN." THE FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT THE TALKS HAVE ACHIEVED MOST SATISFACTORY RESULTS... THE IMPRESSION IS THAT RABIN'S GOVERNMENT IS GAINING GREAT SYMPATHY AND A POSITIVE IMAGE IN WASHINGTON--NOT AS A DOVISH GOVERNMENT NOR AS A HAWKISH ONE, BUT AS A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS FOUND A CORRECT REALISM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BASED ON A SMALL MAJORITY IN THE KNESSET IS NOT REGARDED AS AN OBSTACLE."

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